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A SLIGHT MAJORITY
BUT FALLS SHORT OF
TWO-THIRDS NEEDED

Resolution Rejected By Vote
of 197 For and 189 Against
It—Alabama Delegation
Evenly Divided

NOW DOUBTED THAT
SENATE WILL ACT ON
A LIKE RESOLUTION

Defeat of Measure Follows
Hours of Stirring Debate.
Prohibitionists Declare
Expectations Realized

HOW ALABAMIANS
VOTED LAST NIGHT

Washington, December 22. (Special.)—Party lines were wiped out during the struggle on prohibition tonight. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann fought shoulder to shoulder at the head of the forces opposing the resolution. And when the vote came, of the 197 standing for the resolution, 114 were democrats, 68 republicans, 11 were progressives, and 4 were progressive republicans. The division of the Alabama delegation was: For, Abernethy, McRae, Burnett, Hobson, Taylor, Blackmon, Dent, Heflin, Mulkey, Underwood. Against, Blackmon, Dent, Heflin, Mulkey, Underwood. Harris was paired in favor of the resolution. GARNER.

Washington, December 22.—The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislatures was defeated in the House tonight, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

Immediately after announcement of the vote the House adjourned, the crowds that had packed the galleries throughout the prolonged debate dispersing with mingled expressions of regret and jubilation.

Prohibition leaders declared the vote of 197 for the resolution had come to their expectations. As they had not expected a two-thirds majority. Whether a similar resolution submitted by Senator Sheppard of Texas would reach a vote in the Senate is still uncertain. Administration leaders were inclined to believe it would not because it could not pass the Senate.

FEW TRY TO
DODGE ISSUE

Notwithstanding repeated public assertions that many members of the House would try to dodge a second vote, the roll call disclosed a heavy attendance, larger than the average throughout the session. To have carried the House, the Hobson resolution would have required 258 affirmative votes. It thus failed to carry by 61 votes.

FOR HOBSON RESOLUTION

DEMOCRATS—Abernethy, Adamson, Alken, Alexander, Baker, Barkley, Bell of Georgia, Borchers, Borland, Brodbeck, Burnett, Byrnes of South Carolina, Bryner of Tennessee, Candler of Mississippi, Carraway, Carr, Carter, Clark of Florida, Collier, Connolly of Kansas, Crisp, Decker, Dietrich, Derr, Dickenson, Duffenderfer, Doolittle, Evans, Faison, Ferguson, Fern, Fields, Finley, Flood, Floyd, Foster, Fowler, Francis, Garrett of Texas, Glass, Goodwin, Gudger, Hamlin, Harrison, Hay, Hayden, Helms, Taylor of Arkansas, Hobson, Holland, Houston, Howard, Hoxworth, Hughes of Georgia, Hull, Humphreys of Mississippi, Jacobway, Johnson of Kentucky, Johnson of South Carolina, Jones, Keating, Kilduff, Kirkpatrick, Kitchen, Lever, Lewis of Maryland, Lloyd, McKellar, Moon, Murray, Neely of West Virginia, O'Hair, Oldfield, Padgett, Page of North Carolina, Park, Post, Quinn, Ragsdale, Rainey, Raker, Rubey, Rucker, Russell, Saunders, Selmdridge, Shackelford, Sims, Sloan, Smith of Maryland, Smith of Texas, Sparkman, Stedman, Stephens of Mississippi, Stephens of Texas, Stout, Taggart, Tavenner, Taylor of Alabama, Taylor of Maryland, Taylor of Colorado, Thomas, Thompson of Oklahoma, Tribble, Walker, Watkins, Watson, Weaver, Webb, Whaley, White, Wingo, and Young of Texas, Total, 114.

REPUBLICANS—Anthony, Austin, Avis, Barton, Britten, Burke, South Dakota, Butler, Campbell, Cramton, Dillon, Dunn, Farr, Foss, Fordney, French, Good, Green.

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SCOTT SEEKS TO CREATE
NEUTRAL ZONE ON BORDER

United States Brigadier General Working On Plans to Stop Firing Across American Border Near Naco—General Hill Declares He Will Not Evacuate

Naco, Ariz., December 22.—An agreement to create a neutral strip along the Mexican side of the border, to save Naco, Ariz., from further damage from Mexican shot and shell, will be sought tomorrow by Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army.

General Scott has been here several days receiving suggestions from both Sonora factions as to the best way to stop firing

POLICE FRUSTRATE
GERMAN ATTEMPT
TO BLOW UP SHIP

Four Arrested In New Orleans Following Alleged Confession of German That Plot to Destroy Steamship Rochambeau Was Under Way. Wanted to "Help the Fatherland"

New Orleans, December 22.—The arrest tonight of four men who admitted to the police that they were Germans, is believed by the police and operatives of a national detective agency, to have frustrated a plot to blow up the French steamship Rochambeau, which is due to leave New York next Saturday.

The police have in their possession a box containing 75 pounds of dynamite connected with wires set to explode six and one-half days dating from tonight. The plan, according to the police, was to ship the bomb by express, consigned to the Rochambeau at New York. It was intended that the vessel would be blown up after she got to sea.

Worry over the prospective loss of innocent lives is believed to be responsible for discovery of the plot. One of those arrested, Peter Langhans, the police say, told them that while he was willing to blow up a French or English ship, that he was not willing to see persons not directly connected to the case 10 days were aided when today Langhans agreed to tell the police of the plot.

Others Arrested

After Langhans had told of his part in the affair the police arrested Frank Helon, alias Hans Heller, and held him on charge of preparing explosives to ship, in violation of regulations covering the shipment of such commodities. George Summers and George Brinkman, the former the proprietor of the Faust hotel, were held as accessories, and Langhans was allowed his freedom.

Heller admitted, the police say, that he prepared the bomb fitted with clock-work and the dynamite and expected to express it tonight from the Faust hotel. Summers admitted, the police say, that he knew Heller was working upon some plan of explosives, but denied he knew what Heller intended using them for.

Admits Attempt

After being confronted with his alleged conspirators, the police say Heller freely admitted that it was his intention to blow up some French or English ship and that he failed with the attempt against the Rochambeau. He expected to try some other vessel. He said he was a waiter without a position and wanted "to do something to help the fatherland."

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ALLIES ASSUMING OFFENSIVE AGAIN

According to both British and French official reports, the allies are making important gains in Flanders. Debouching from Nieupoort, French and Belgian troops have occupied a line from the outskirts west of Lombaertzyde to the farm of St. George.

WILD LOCOMOTIVE
IS SENT INTO TRAIN
BEARING CARRANZA

Mexican Leader Has Narrow Escape From Attack By Zapata Forces But Escapes Uninjured—Emphatically Denies Report He Will Flee Country

Washington, December 22.—General Carranza's trip from Vera Cruz to the isthmus of Tehuantepec has been interrupted by Zapata forces who captured Soledad and from there sent a wild locomotive into his approaching train. Neither Carranza nor any of his party was injured.

"These facts were reported tonight in a private dispatch from a point on the railroad on which Carranza was traveling. Carranza returned to Vera Cruz after the incident at Soledad and now has gone to Cordoba to inspect his troops. His officers say he later will continue his journey to the isthmus.

Carranza officials here deny emphatically suggestions from Mexico City that his chief intends to flee to a Central American country. They say he planned his trip to the isthmus shortly after the railway to that part of Mexico was taken over by the Carranza faction.

Postpone Conference

Heavy rains, making travel difficult today, resulted in postponement of the conference between Governor Maytorena, Villa commander at Naco, Sonora, and

General Scott, chief of staff of the army, sent to Naco, Ariz., to endeavor to persuade the warring Mexican factions to discontinue military operations which endanger life and property on the American side of the border. General Scott telegraphed Secretary Garrison as follows:

"Heavy three-days' storm; whole country under water; travel most difficult. Maytorena unable to get to the conference arranged for at 10 o'clock this morning at Oaxaca. I had a conference with Carranza's agent last night. Full conference with Hill has been arranged for tomorrow and Maytorena has telegraphed for another appointment."

Statement Issued

The state department issued this statement today:

"A dispatch, just received from San Luis Potosi, states that the governor of San Luis Potosi has announced that an agreement has been reached with the military authorities of Saltillo and Monterrey by which those capitals will remain neutral and suspend all movements of troops; also all passenger trains from the City of Mexico to Laredo. It is reported that this action would appear to indicate that there is not much disposition to carry on hostilities in the territory in question, and that there is not much bitter feeling."

Steel Corporation

Library Seriously Will Not Reduce Damaged by Fire Wages, Says Gary

\$75,000 Fire In Jasper—Phillips-Stanley Furniture Co. Almost Completely Destroyed

Jasper, December 22.—(Special.)—Fire of unknown origin, but which is believed to have been resultant from a defective fuse, practically destroyed the Phillips-Stanley general furnishing store, one of the largest buildings in this city, tonight. Property loss is estimated at approximately \$75,000. The building was only partially covered by insurance.

Located in the second story of the building were offices of about 20 lawyers, including those of United States Senator Bankhead and son, and these were seriously injured. The Bankhead law library is considered one of the most elaborate of its kind in the state. Just to what extent it has been damaged could not be learned tonight, but the loss is believed to be heavy.

The fire originated in the second story of the building and was well under way before being discovered. Efforts of the firemen were soon turned toward saving adjoining buildings, which for a time were threatened. At a late hour tonight the flames were still uncontrolled but the situation was well in hand and no further losses were expected. The building was thrown back toward the business district of Jasper.

"In view of the general depression in business which has been experienced for sometime, decreases in the general wage scale have seemed inevitable and imminent, but it has been determined to continue the existing scale for the present at least, with the hope that improvement in business will be realized."

"Already there are some evidences of a change for the better."

Although the statement does not explicitly say that the readjustments from the cut pay of skilled labor will be on a lower basis, it was explained in behalf of the corporation that such was a natural assumption.

GOVERNOR ISSUES
CHRISTMAS PAROLES
TO 68 PRISONERS

Annual Christmas Executive Clemency Extended. Over 175 Applications Are Refused

Montgomery, December 22.—(Special.)—Following an investigation of more than 250 applicants for executive clemency, the governor today issued 68 Christmas paroles, thereby closing the pardon files for the remainder of his administration. The majority of the convicts paroled were in ill health, many of them having been in the service of the state for years, and many having but a few months longer to live. In all cases, pardon was recommended by the pardon board, convict department, or by the judge and so-called who tried the case, and frequently by all.

In issuing the list of Christmas paroles, the governor repeated the order he made several days ago to the effect that he would not take up any more pardon cases during the remainder of his administration, or receive any delegations in reference to pardons or paroles.

Over 175 Refused

The statement issued at the executive offices yesterday was to the effect that the governor has "refused to parole over 175 applicants for paroles and pardons. He wishes it stated that the pardon files are closed for the remainder of his administration. He has several applications on his desk which will be given his careful consideration, but aside from these cases no more will be acted on and he will receive no delegations in reference to pardons or paroles, nor will he take up any new cases. There are matters of state business demanding every minute of the governor's time."

The list of paroles, including the crimes for which convicted and the persons by whom clemency was recommended, is as follows:

Jefferson county, Frank Rogers, assault to murder; eyesight destroyed.

A. J. Sorrell, Jefferson county, murder; trial judge, solicitor and board of pardons.

Jefferson county, R. L. Allen, bigamy; trial judge and solicitor.

Etowah county, Mark Smith, murder; trial judge and board of pardons.

Montgomery county, Walter Rogers, (Continued on Page Eight)

THE WAR SITUATION

FRANCE

Paris, December 22.—(10:53 p. m.)—The following official communication was issued by the French war office tonight:

"To the southwest of Puissele, south of Noyon, the enemy executed last night violent counter attacks which were all repulsed.

"To the south of Varennes we gained a foothold last night in Bourvalles. Our attacks continued today and we appear to have made progress in the vicinity of Bourvalles and to the west of Vauquois.

"There is nothing to report concerning the rest of the front."

GERMANY

Berlin, December 22.—(By wireless.)—The official press bureau today gave out the following:

"The order of General Joffre for an offensive movement has confirmed the belief here for some days that the allies were about to attempt an advance. Thus far, however, their attempts everywhere have failed and the situation seems little changed.

"An army headquarters report concerning operations in the east makes mention of the continuation of an attack, but whether it is against the Russian rear guard or the Russian main army cannot be stated.

"The situation in West Galicia is clearer. The Russians there are holding the east bank of the Dunajec river to Luchow and another line extends southward past Kroono. Heavy fighting is proceeding on both these lines and also in the Luchow pass."

HEAVY FIGHTING IN
THE EAST AND WEST
FAILS TO PRODUCE
MATERIAL CHANGE

Allies Press Offensive Movement and Gain Some Ground at Various Points On Battle Front

GERMAN SYSTEM
OF FORTIFICATIONS
BELIEVED DISTURBED

Germans North of the Vistula River in the East Retire Before Onrush of Russian Forces

London, December 22.—(10:25 p. m.) Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the allies' offensive is being pressed and, while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern area the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the allies is extremely slow, military experts here and in France believe the gains which the general staff has reported are disturbing the Germans' system of fortifications at vital points and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

Germans Retire

In the east most of the Germans north of Vistula have retired across the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Daura and the Pilica, the Germans continue their advance and announce that in a fierce battle they have crossed branches of the Daura and Rawa rivers at many places. This should bring the main armies close together and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans again are to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have held back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be moving troops back to the west to meet the allies' offensive, but it is not considered likely that this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been gained in the contest against the Russians.

Turks Attacked

The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians claim to have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the district of Van, while the British have been bombarding Kild Bahr, in the Dardanelles, and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the mainland opposite the island of Tenedos.

The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the minister of justice, who says that 4000 rebels are in prison and that 1200 have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country but they are without leaders and are surrendering on the appearance of union forces.

Christmas Gifts Arrive

Berlin, December 22.—(By wireless via London, 7:50 p. m.)—The Hungarian children's portion of the shipload of Christmas gifts from the children of the United States arrived at Budapest yesterday. Distribution will be supervised by a committee of which the Hungarian premier, Count Stephen Tislat, is a member. It is hoped the presents will be placed in the hands of the children on Christmas Eve.

NO DRUNKENNESS
IN PETROGRAD NOW

Petrograd, December 22.—(Via London, 12:35 a. m.)—For the first time in the history of Petrograd four consecutive days passed without an arrest for drunkenness, notwithstanding these days included two holidays and Sunday. This is one of the results of the recent government order forbidding the sale of alcoholic liquors.

MUTUALIZATION APPROVED

Trenton, N. J., December 22.—Mutualization of the Prudential Life Insurance company of America was approved today by the New Jersey court of chancery.